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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: White House Briefing on the Congo

1. The following is for the information of the DCI.

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2. At [redacted] request, I attended a State Department briefing of the President on the Congo at 1600 on 25 March. Present at the briefing were Messrs McGhee, Williams, Gullion, Cleveland and West (all of State); Hutchinson (AID); Nitze (Defense); [redacted] and the undersigned. 25X1

3. The briefing took the following outline:

a. Ambassador Gullion - Gave a political recapitulation since the last UN action in Katanga and the beginning of reintegration of the latter into the balance of the Congo.

b. Assistant Secretary Cleveland - Emphasized the need for the continued UN presence and the retraining of the Congolese Army; and the economic problems, with emphasis on the U.S. share of an approximately $150,000,000 annual bill which it is expected to split with the Belgians, the Common Market, the West Germans and the British on approximately a 50-50 basis.

c. Robert West (Economic Counsellor and AID Coordinator in Leopoldville) - Further detail on the economic problem, the $450,000,000 potential annual Congo export figure and aspects of police retraining.

d. Assistant Secretary Williams - Aspects of the reintegration of Katanga and problems of internal security.

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